(ii) Changes in the scheme along with change in the cost estimates on account of changes in source of water from Cauvery river to ground water.

(c) CEA will process the scheme for TEC after the above issues are sorted out. Commissioning of the Hassan Power Project depends upon the tying up of all the pending inputs/clearances and achieving closure. N

New power projects sanctioned for Rajasthan

2592. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) how many new power projects have been sanctioned for Rajasthan;

(b) whether any power project is pending for approval;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) by when these are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Six new power projects (both in private and public sector) have been accorded Techno-economic approval by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) in the State of Rajasthan. The details of these projects are given below:

SI. No.	Name of the Project		Capacity (MW)
1. 2.	Dholpur CCGT Barsingsar Lignite	CCPP	702.7 2 x 250
3. 4.	TPP Anta CCGT St. II Mathania		650 140
5. 6.	Integrated Solar Ramgarh CCGT St. II		75.325 250
	Suratgarh TPP St. Ill		

(b) to (d) As on date, only one project *viz.* Kota TPS Stage IV

Unit 6 (195 MW) (estimated cost Rs.635 crore) received in CEA in 6/2001, is under examination for accord of Techno-economic Clearance (TEC). The project was considered in the TEC meeting held on 15.1.2002. The pending input for the project is coal linkage by the Standing Linkage Committee in the Ministry of Coal.

Reducing the consumer rates of power

†2593. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated an action-plan under the programmes of power sector reforms at national level to reduce the consumer-rates of power in the past years;

(b) if so, the outlines of this action-plan; and

(c) the places in the country where this plan has been implemented together with the results achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (c) The ultimate objective of power sector reforms is to ensure availability of quality supply of electricity to consumers at affordable rates. Electricity being a concurrent subject, the Government of India has taken the lead in initiating the reforms process in the country. In order to build consensus on the need for reforms, the Government of India has organized conferences of Chief Ministers/Power Ministers at regular intervals. In the conference of Chief Ministers/Power Ministers held in March, 2001, it was agreed that there is urgent need to depoliticise power sector reforms and speed up the implementation. The resolution adopted in the conference is given in the Statement (See below). The copy of the resolution has been circulated for all State Governments for implementation.

Twenty One States *viz.*, Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Madhya

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.